

Mr. BONO. Mr. Speaker, the United Nations is a useless waste of billions of dollars, and frankly I wish this bill was for the abolishment of the United Nations. It is another bureaucracy that does not do anything but eat dollars that we could easily control and handle much better ourselves.

People, start understanding what bureaucracies are and what all this rhetoric is and what all this bleeding heart is. The further away you get from issues, the less control you have of issues. And when you hear all this drama, it astounds me that there is so much drama. It is more than the industry I came from before. I have never seen performances like this, but it is pure drama. It is not a reality. The reality is why would you want the United Nations to control anything or be involved in anything? Can Congress not, and can the President not handle things, and can we not appoint people to do the jobs that are necessary to do, at much less the funds?

I presume you all know how well the United Nations did in Bosnia. I hope you all know how well they did. I hope you all know how esteemed Boutros Boutros-Ghali is as he cracks his jokes about us. So I find it disgusting that bureaucrats continue to inhabit this marvelous building and try to install more bureaucracy, and more bureaucracy, and more Government, and more dollars. We can handle it. We can handle it fine.

Biosphere. You like the word? Well, that word allows all these things to happen. I hope they have been to other countries lately, because other countries have not nearly done what we have as far as taking care of our environment. Go over there and start working on that first, then come over here and try to get one-tenth the effectiveness that we have in environment right now.

Mr. Speaker, I find any opposition to this disgusting.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, just to summarize, this is a bad bill, the bill has been called a Black Helicopters Prevention Act, the Boutros-Ghali/Babbitt bill. Whatever it is, this is a bad bill. We should vote it down. World heritage designation is not a threat. It is an honor. The United States has total control.

International agreements such as these do not give the United Nations any authority. Congress has delegated this authority to our national parks. These are professional American men and women that work for the Government that do a good job. The bill is going nowhere. This is an easy way to pick up an environmental vote for colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Let us defeat this bill. It is a bad bill. It is searching for a problem. There are a number of other issues we should be spending time on as we adjourn.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from California [Mr. POMBO].

(Mr. POMBO asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill and I think for the very reasons that were just outlined by my colleague. These designations are called honorary, something that just bestows an honorary status on sites in America and yet they are extremely important. This is ranked as an environmental vote. They are extremely important.

We heard my other colleague say that these are used to stop mining, timber, grazing. For the very reasons that you guys have outlined is the exact reason why Congress should have oversight over this.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

May I suggest one thing. Let the House participate. Let this Congress participate in this process. This is the people's house. Let the people have the decision to make. That is crucially important, to continue the process. That is all this bill does.

For those that are afraid of letting this Congress participate, you should not be in Congress. It is that simple. What is wrong with us being involved? Why should we let the executive branch and the U.N. make decisions about my private property rights? I urge the passage of this legislation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alaska [Mr. YOUNG] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3752, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alaska?

There was no objection.

#### ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2505) to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2505

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. AUTOMATIC LAND BANK PROTECTION.

(a) LANDS RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE FROM CERTAIN FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The matter preceding clause (i) of section 907(d)(1)(A) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (43 U.S.C. 1636(d)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting "or conveyed to a Native Corporation pursuant to an exchange authorized by section 22(f) of Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act or section 1302(h) of this Act or other applicable law" after "Settlement Trust".

(b) LANDS EXCHANGED AMONG NATIVE CORPORATIONS.—Section 907(d)(2)(B) of such Act (43 U.S.C. 1636(d)(2)) is amended by striking "and" at the end of clause (ii), by striking the period at the end of clause (iii) and inserting "; and", and by adding at the end the following:

"(iv) lands or interest in lands shall not be considered developed or leased or sold to a third party as a result of an exchange or conveyance of such land or interest in land between or among Native Corporations and trusts, partnerships, corporations, or joint ventures, whose beneficiaries, partners, shareholders, or joint venturers are Native Corporations."

(c) ACTIONS BY TRUSTEE SERVING PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT OF NATIVE CORPORATIONS.—Section 907(d)(3)(B) of such Act (43 U.S.C. 1636(d)(3)(B)) is amended by striking "or" at the end of clause (i), by striking the period at the end of clause (ii) and inserting "; or", and by adding at the end the following:

"(iii) to actions by any trustee whose right, title, or interest in land or interests in land arises pursuant to an agreement between or among Native Corporations and trusts, partnerships, or joint ventures whose beneficiaries, partners, shareholders, or joint venturers are Native Corporations."

#### SEC. 2. RETAINED MINERAL ESTATE.

Section 12(c)(4) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1611(c)(4)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respectively, and by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following new subparagraphs:

"(C) Where such public lands are surrounded by or contiguous to subsurface lands obtained by a Regional Corporation under subsections (a) or (b), the Corporation may, upon request, have such public land conveyed to it.

"(D)(i) A Regional Corporation which elects to obtain public lands under subparagraph (C) shall be limited to a total of not more than 12,000 acres. Selection by a Regional Corporation of in lieu surface acres under subparagraph (E) pursuant to an election under subparagraph (C) shall not be made from any lands within a conservation system unit (as that term is defined by section 102(4) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3102(4)).

"(ii) An election to obtain the public lands described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) shall include all available parcels within the township in which the public lands are located.

"(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph and subparagraph (C), the term "Regional Corporation" shall refer only to Doyon, Limited."; and

(2) in subparagraph (E) (as so redesignated), by striking "(A) or (B)" and inserting "(A), (B), or (C)".

#### SEC. 3. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW 102-415.

Section 20 of the Alaska Land Status Technical Corrections Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 2129)

is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(h) Establishment of the account under subsection (b) and conveyance of land under subsection (c), if any, shall be treated as though 3,520 acres of land had been conveyed to Gold Creek under section 14(h)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for which rights to in-lieu subsurface estate are hereby provided to CIRI. Within 1 year from the date of enactment of this subsection, CIRI shall select 3,520 acres of land from the area designated for in-lieu selection by paragraph I.B.(2)(b) of the document identified in section 12(b) of the Act of January 2, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1611 note)."

#### SEC. 4. CALISTA CORPORATION LAND EXCHANGE.

(a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—Congress finds and declares that—

(1) the land exchange authorized by section 8126 of Public Law 102-172 should be implemented without further delay;

(2) lands and interests in lands in the exchange are within the boundaries of the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge established by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and include wetlands, grasslands, marshes, and riverine and upland fish and wildlife habitat lands, which represent the premier habitat area for waterfowl and other birds in the Pacific and other flyways—

(A) for nesting, breeding, and staging grounds for countless thousands of migratory waterfowl, including species such as Spectacled Eider, Tundra Swan, White-fronted Goose, many song birds and neotropical migrants, Harlequin Duck, Canvasbacked Duck, Snow Goose, several species of diving and dabbling ducks, Cackling and other subspecies of Canada Geese, and Emperor Goose; and

(B) as habitat for other wildlife and fish such as wolf, brown and black bear, moose, caribou, otter, fox, mink, musk ox, salmon, grayling, sheefish, rainbow trout, blackfish, pike, and dolly varden,

the acquisition of which lands and interests in lands would further the purposes for which the refuge was established by ANILCA;

(3) the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region is burdened by some of the most serious and distressing economic, social, and health conditions existing anywhere in the United States, including high incidence of infant mortality, teenage suicide, hepatitis, alcoholism, meningitis, tuberculosis, and unemployment (60 to 90 percent);

(4) the Calista Corporation, the Native Regional Corporation organized under the authority of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) for the Yupik Eskimos of Southwestern Alaska, which includes the entire Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge—

(A) has responsibilities provided for by the Settlement Act to help address social, cultural, economic, health, subsistence, and related issues within the Region and among its villages, including the viability of the villages themselves, many of which are remote and isolated; and

(B) has been unable to fully carry out such responsibilities, and

the implementation of this exchange is essential to helping Calista utilize its assets to carry out those responsibilities to realize the benefits of ANCSA;

(5) the parties to the exchange have been unable to reach agreement on the valuation of the lands and interests in lands to be conveyed to the United States under section 8126 of Public Law 102-171; and

(6) in light of the foregoing, it is appropriate and necessary in this unique situation that Congress authorize and direct the implementation of this exchange as set forth in

this section in furtherance of the purposes and underlying goals of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

(b) LAND EXCHANGE IMPLEMENTATION.—Section 8126(a) of Public Law 102-172 (105 Stat. 1206) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(1)" after "(a)";

(2) by striking "October 1, 1996" and inserting "October 1, 2002";

(3) by inserting after "October 28, 1991" the following: "(hereinafter referred to as 'CCRD') and in the document entitled, 'The Calista Conveyance and Relinquishment Document Addendum', dated September 15, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as 'CCRD Addendum')";

(4) by striking "The value" and all that follows through "Provided, That the" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(2) Unless prior to December 31, 1996, the parties mutually agree on a value of the lands and interests in lands to be exchanged as contained in the CCRD and the CCRD Addendum, the aggregate values of such lands and interests in lands shall be established as of January 1, 1997, as provided in paragraph (6) of the CCRD Addendum. The";

(5) in the last sentence, by inserting a period after "1642" and striking all that follows in that sentence; and

(6) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(3) The amount credited to the property account is not subject to adjustment for minor changes in acreage resulting from preparation or correction of the land descriptions in the CCRD or CCRD Addendum or the exclusion of any small tracts of land as a result of hazardous materials surveys."

(c) EXTENSION OF RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN PROPERTY TRANSFERS.—Section 8126(b) of Public Law 102-172 (105 Stat. 1206) is amended by striking "October 1, 1996" and inserting "October 1, 2002".

(d) EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATION.—Section 8126(c) of Public Law 102-172 (105 Stat. 1207) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(1)" after "(c)";

(2) by striking the sentence beginning "On October 1, 1996," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "To the extent such lands and interests have not been exchanged with the United States, on January 1, 1997, the Secretary of the Treasury shall establish a property account on behalf of Calista Corporation. If the parties have mutually agreed to a value as provided in subsection (a)(2), the Secretary of the Treasury shall credit the account accordingly. In the absence of such an agreement the Secretary of the Treasury shall credit the account with an amount equal to 66 percent of the total amount determined by paragraph (6) of the CCRD Addendum. The account shall be available for use as provided in subsection (c)(3), as follows:

"(A) On January 1, 1997, an amount equal to one-half the amount credited pursuant to this paragraph shall be available for use as provided.

"(B) On October 1, 1997, the remaining one-half of the amount credited pursuant to this paragraph shall be available for use as provided.

"(2) On October 1, 2002, to the extent any portion of the lands and interests in lands have not been exchanged pursuant to subsection (a) or conveyed or relinquished to the United States pursuant to paragraph (1), the account established by paragraph (1) shall be credited with an amount equal to any remainder of the value determined pursuant to paragraph (1).";

(3) by inserting "(3)" before "Subject to";

(4) by striking "on or after October 1, 1996," and by inserting after "subsection (a) of this section," the following: "upon con-

veyance or relinquishment of equivalent portions of the lands referenced in the CCRD and the CCRD Addendum"; and

(5) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

"(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Calista Corporation or the village corporations identified in the CCRD Addendum may assign, without restriction, any or all of the account upon written notification to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of the Interior.

"(5) Calista will provide to the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, appropriate documentation, including maps of the parcels to be exchanged, to enable that office to perform the accounting required by paragraph (1) and to forward such information, if requested by Calista, to the Secretary of the Treasury as authorized by such paragraph. Minor boundary adjustments shall be made between Calista and the Department to reflect the acreage figures reflected in the CCRD and the CCRD Addendum.

"(6) For the purpose of the determination of the applicability of section 7(i) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1606(i)) to revenues generated pursuant to this section, such revenues shall be calculated in accordance with paragraph (4) of the CCRD Addendum."

#### SEC. 5. MINING CLAIMS.

Paragraph (3) of section 22(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1621(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking out "regional corporation" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "Regional Corporation"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: "The provisions of this section shall apply to Haida Corporation and the Haida Traditional Use Sites, which shall be treated as a Regional Corporation for the purposes of this paragraph, except that any revenues remitted to Haida Corporation under this section shall not be subject to distribution pursuant to section 7(i) of this Act."

#### SEC. 6. SALE, DISPOSITION, OR OTHER USE OF COMMON VARIETIES OF SAND, GRAVEL, STONE, PUMICE, PEAT, CLAY, OR CINDER RESOURCES.

Subsection (i) of section 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1606(i)) is amended—

(1) by striking "Seventy per centum" and inserting "(A) Except as provided by subparagraph (B), seventy percent"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(B) In the case of the sale, disposition, or other use of common varieties of sand, gravel, stone, pumice, peat, clay, or cinder resources made after the date of enactment of this subparagraph, the revenues received by a Regional Corporation shall not be subject to division under subparagraph (A). Nothing in this subparagraph is intended to or shall be construed to alter the ownership of such sand, gravel, stone, pumice, peat, clay, or cinder resources."

#### SEC. 7. ALASKA NATIVE ALLOTMENT APPLICATIONS.

Section 905(a) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (43 U.S.C. 1634(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(7) Paragraph (1) of this subsection and section (d) shall apply, and paragraph (5) of this subsection shall cease to apply, to an application—

"(A) that is open and pending on the date of enactment of this paragraph,

"(B) if the lands described in the application are in Federal ownership, and

"(C) if all protests which were filed by the State of Alaska pursuant to paragraph (5)(B) with respect to the application have been

withdrawn and not reasserted or are dismissed."

#### SEC. 8. VISITOR SERVICES.

Paragraph (1) of section 1307(b) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3197(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking "Native Corporation" and inserting "Native Corporations"; and

(2) by striking "is most directly affected" and inserting "are most directly affected".

#### SEC. 9. REPORT.

Within nine months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to Congress a report which includes the following:

(1) LOCAL HIRE.—(A) The report shall—

(i) indicate the actions taken in carrying out subsection (b) of section 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3198); and

(ii) also address the recruitment processes that may restrict employees hired under subsection (a) of such section from successfully obtaining positions in the competitive service.

(B) The Secretary of Agriculture shall cooperate with the Secretary of the Interior in carrying out this paragraph with respect to the Forest Service.

(2) LOCAL CONTRACTS.—The report shall describe the actions of the Secretary of the Interior in contracting with Alaska Native Corporations to provide services with respect to public lands in Alaska.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Alaska [Mr. YOUNG] and the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. RICHARDSON] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alaska [Mr. YOUNG].

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. YOUNG of Alaska asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2505 is legislation I introduced on behalf of the Alaska Federation of Natives, the statewide organization which serves the interests of the over 90,000 Natives in the State of Alaska. The bill addresses issues of importance to several ANCSA native corporations. I want to thank the Calista Native Corp., the Alaska Federation of Natives, the Department of the Interior and Committee staff for their efforts to resolve many of the difficult issues in this bill. The bill before the House has been amended to reflect this agreement.

The bill, as amended, contains several provisions, I will briefly explain few:

Considerable time has been spent resolving the Calista land exchange issue. Thanks to all parties involved for their commitment to move forward on this important provision. The Calista region in Alaska is one of the poorest and most socially troubled areas in the Nation. This land exchange was authorized to provide Calista with a means of economic self-sufficiency, consistent with the purpose of ANCSA. Under ANCSA, the Secretary of the Interior and Calista were to determine a mutually agreeable value for Calista's lands and inter-

ests which are to be exchanged, subject to a maximum per acre value. However, to date, the two parties have been unable to arrive at a mutually agreeable value. The committee feels that the Secretary's appraisals did not comply with previous legislative directives and, as a result, significantly underestimated the value of Calista's lands and interests. Section 5 of this bill would eliminate this impasse by establishing a value for Calista's lands, as Congress has had to do in numerous other instances since 1976. In doing so, Congress is simply providing the figure which Calista and the Secretary of the Interior were unable to determine. There are costs associated with this provision and we have no formal offset for those costs contained in H.R. 2505. However, we have worked with Chairman KASICH and the Budget Commission to also consider the Resources Committee bill to sell the Nation's helium reserves that will more than offset the costs of this bill.

Another provision would make revenues derived by the Native regional corporations from the sale of sand, rock, and gravel exempt from the revenue-sharing provisions of ANCSA. This provision would codify an agreement that was reached between the ANCSA regional corporations in June 1980—after many years of litigation.

Another provision would extend automatic land bank protections to land trades between Alaska Native organizations and Federal or State governments.

Mr. Speaker, all of those provisions have been discussed at length between the majority and minority. The bill was reported by the Resources Committee on a voice vote and I am happy to bring to the floor yet another consensus bill.

I believe this is an excellent ANCSA amendments package and urge my colleagues support.

Mr. Speaker, I include the following for the RECORD.

ADDENDUM TO THE CALISTA CONVEYANCE AND RELINQUISHMENT DOCUMENT, SEPTEMBER 15, 1996

1. Purpose: The purpose of this Addendum is to provide for the addition of certain surface and subsurface estate lands owned by The Kuskokwim Corporation, NIMA Corporation and the Calista Corporation to those lands to be available for exchange with the United States pursuant to Section 8126 of P.L. 102-172.

2. Kuskokwim Corporation Tracts: (a) The surface estate lands (through conservation easements) comprised of approximately 17,000 acres which are to be available for exchange from The Kuskokwim Corporation, are those which have been conveyed to The Kuskokwim Corporation and which are generally depicted on a map dated September 15, 1996, entitled, "Kuskokwim Corporation Parcel, Calista Land Exchange."

(b) Upon conveyance of the land or interests in land, including, but not limited to conservation easements, from The Kuskokwim Corporation to the United States pursuant to section 8126 of P.L. 102-172 and this Addendum, Calista shall contemporaneously assign to The Kuskokwim Corporation that portion of its property account

allocable to the lands or interest in lands being conveyed from The Kuskokwim Corporation to the United States. Calista is committed to reserve the portion of its property account allocable to The Kuskokwim Corporation and shall maintain its account for that purpose until the conveyance of the interest in land by The Kuskokwim Corporation to the United States.

(c) The conservation easement conveyed through this Addendum shall restrict the use of the land subject to the easement so as to ensure that it and its resources shall be conserved in perpetuity, that there shall be no development of such land, that such lands shall be opened to public recreational uses compatible with the conservation purposes of this easement, reserving to The Kuskokwim Corporation and its shareholders existing rights to the use of the land for traditional, cultural, customary and subsistence purposes.

3. NIMA Corporation Tracts: The surface estate lands which are to be available for exchange from the NIMA Corporation, comprised of approximately 10,000 acres, are those which have been conveyed to the NIMA Corporation and which are generally depicted on a map dated September 15, 1996, entitled, "NIMA Corporation Parcel, Calista Land Exchange."

4. Calista Corporation Tracts: The subsurface estates underlying The Kuskokwim Corporation Parcel and the NIMA Corporation Parcel are to be available for exchange from Calista Corporation.

5. ANCSA: For purposes of Section 7(i) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1606(i)), "Revenues" are only those realized in excess of \$20 million from the sale or generation of income from property received in exchange for subsurface estate listed in the Calista Conveyance and Relinquishment Document and the CCRD Addendum.

6. Land Exchange Accounting: (a) The accounting, and, to the extent necessary, the establishment of a property account required by subsection (c) of Section 8126 of P.L. 102-172, upon the relinquishment and conveyance by Calista (and where relevant, The Hamilton Corporation, The Kuskokwim Corporation, or NIMA Corporation) of the lands and interests in lands in the CCRD (less the Tuluksak parcel) and the CCRD Addendum, shall be based on and credited with, respectively, a total amount of \$30 million for the lands and interests in lands referenced in the CCRD and in the CCRD Addendum.

(b) The allocation of value between Calista and the other owners of lands, interests in land, and entitlement to lands contained in the CCRD and the CCRD Addendum to specific lands, interest in lands and entitlement to lands shall be based on the product of the following: (A) the relevant acreage listed in the CCRD or the CCRD Addendum, (B) the per-acre equivalent exchange value (in 1996 dollars) from subparagraph I(C)(2)(e)(iii) of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions for Land Consolidation and Management in the Cook Inlet Area", as referenced in Section 12(b)(7)(iv) of the Act of January 2, 1976 (P.L. 94-204), as amended, and (C) relevant factor from the following list: unexplored subsurface estate—.066; surface estate—.237; fee—.303; 14(h)(8) entitlement—.514; conservation easements on surface estate—.178.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me commend the gentleman from Alaska, Chairman YOUNG. This one is a good bill, and I commend the gentleman for working in a bipartisan fashion with the minority.

As the gentleman said, 9 out of the 10 areas of disagreement were worked out. The 10th was dropped. The compensation package was worked out also. What you have here is basically some Native American corporations getting Federal surplus property. This is a good piece of legislation. I think the chairman worked very well with the administration, which he frequently does.

Mr. Speaker, let me say we support the bill, and we congratulate the chairman.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Mexico for his comments.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of any time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alaska [Mr. YOUNG] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2505, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2505, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alaska?

There was no objection.

#### CONGRESSIONAL PENSION FORFEITURE ACT OF 1996

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4011) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that if a Member of Congress is convicted of a felony, such Member shall not be eligible for retirement benefits based on that individual's service as a Member, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.*

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Congressional Pension Forfeiture Act of 1996".

##### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) Members of Congress pledge to uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States;

(2) Members of Congress are elected to serve in the public trust and pledge to uphold the public trust;

(3) a breach of the public trust by a Member of Congress is a serious offense that should have serious consequences; and

(4) taxpayers should not pay for the retirement benefits of Members of Congress who have breached the public trust.

##### SEC. 3. FORFEITURE.

(a) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—Section 8332 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end of the following:

"(o)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subchapter, the service of an individual convicted of an offense described in paragraph (2) shall not, if or to the extent rendered as a Member (irrespective of when rendered), be taken into account for purposes of this subchapter. Any such individual (or other person determined under section 8342(c), if applicable) shall be entitled to be paid so much of such individual's lump-sum credit as is attributable to service to which the preceding sentence applies.

"(2)(A) An offense described in this paragraph is any offense described in subparagraph (B) for which the following apply:

"(i) The offense is committed by the individual (referred to in paragraph (1)) while a Member.

"(ii) The conduct on which the offense is based is directly related to the individual's service as a Member.

"(iii) The offense is committed during the One Hundred Fifth Congress or later.

"(B) The offenses described in this subparagraph are as follows:

"(i) An offense within the purview of—

"(I) section 201 of title 18 (bribery of public officials and witnesses);

"(II) section 203 of title 18 (compensation to Members of Congress, officers, and others in matters affecting the Government);

"(III) section 204 of title 18 (practice in United States Court of Federal Claims or the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit by Members of Congress);

"(IV) section 207 of title 18 (restrictions on former officers, employees, and elected officials of their executive and legislative branches);

"(V) section 219 of title 18 (officers and employees acting as agents of foreign principals);

"(VI) section 286 of title 18 (conspiracy to defraud the Government with respect to claims);

"(VII) section 287 of title 18 (false, fictitious, or fraudulent claims);

"(VIII) section 371 of title 18 (conspiracy to commit offense or to defraud the United States);

"(IX) section 597 of title 18 (expenditures to influence voting);

"(X) section 599 of title 18 (promise of appointment by candidate);

"(XI) section 602 of title 18 (solicitation of political contributions);

"(XII) section 606 of title 18 (intimidation to secure political contributions);

"(XIII) section 607 of title 18 (place of solicitation);

"(XIV) section 641 of title 18 (public money, property or records);

"(XV) section 1001 of title 18 (statements or entries generally);

"(XVI) section 1341 of title 18 (frauds and swindles);

"(XVII) section 1343 of title 18 (fraud by wire, radio, or television);

"(XVIII) section 1503 of title 18 (influencing or injuring officer or juror);

"(XIX) section 1951 of title 18 (interference with commerce by threats or violence);

"(XX) section 1952 of title 18 (interstate and foreign travel or transportation in aid of racketeering enterprises);

"(XXI) section 1962 of title 18 (prohibited activities); or

"(XXII) section 7201 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (attempt to evade or defeat tax).

"(ii) Perjury committed under the statutes of the United States in falsely denying the commission of an act which constitutes an offense within the purview of a statute named by clause (i).

"(iii) Subornation of perjury committed in connection with the false denial of another individual as specified by clause (ii).

"(3) An individual convicted of an offense described in paragraph (2) shall not, after the date of the conviction, be eligible to participate in the retirement system under this subchapter while serving as a Member.

"(4) Except as provided in paragraph (5), the Office shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this subsection, including provisions under which interest on any lump-sum payment under the second sentence of paragraph (1) shall be limited in a manner similar to that specified in the last sentence of section 8316(b).

"(5) The Executive Director (within the meaning of section 8401(13)) shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection with respect to the Thrift Savings Plan. Regulations under this paragraph shall include provisions requiring the return of all vested amounts.

"(6) Nothing in this subsection shall restrict any authority under subchapter II or any other provision of law to deny or withhold benefits authorized by statute.

"(7) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'Member' has the meaning given such term by section 2106, notwithstanding section 8331(2)."

(b) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—Section 8411 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(i)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the service of an individual convicted of an offense described in paragraph (2) shall not, if or to the extent rendered as a Member (irrespective of when rendered), be taken into account for purposes of this chapter. Any such individual (or other person determined under section 8424(d), if applicable) shall be entitled to be paid so much of such individual's lump-sum credit as is attributable to service to which the preceding sentence applies.

"(2) An offense described in this paragraph is any offense described in section 8332(o)(2)(B) for which the following apply:

"(A) The offense is committed by the individual (referred to in paragraph (1)) while a Member.

"(B) The conduct on which the offense is based is directly related to the individual's service as a Member.

"(C) The offense is committed during the One Hundred Fifth Congress or later.

"(3) An individual convicted of an offense described in paragraph (2) shall not, after the date of the conviction, be eligible to participate in the retirement system under this chapter while serving as a Member.

"(4) Except as provided in paragraph (5), the Office shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this subsection, including provisions under which interest on any lump-sum payment under the second sentence of paragraph (1) shall be limited in a manner similar to that specified in the last sentence of section 8316(b).

"(5) The Executive Director shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection with respect to the Thrift Savings Plan. Regulations under this paragraph shall include provisions requiring the return of all vested amounts.

"(6) Nothing in this subsection shall restrict any authority under subchapter II of